

H. Con. Res. 254. Concurrent resolution calling on the Government of Cuba to extradite to the United States convicted felon Joanne Chesimard and all other individuals who have fled the United States to avoid prosecution or confinement for criminal offenses and who are currently living freely in Cuba, to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6939. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transactions with Affiliates; Reverse Repurchase Agreements" received on August 13, 1998; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6940. A communication from the Director of the United States Information Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6941. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, and the Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report entitled "Thefts From Military Arsenals of Firearms, Explosives and Other Materials of Potential Use to Terrorists" for fiscal year 1996; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-533. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Blumenfeld) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-534. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (H. Urban) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-535. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Wanderlich) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-536. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (U. Renkewitz) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-537. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (A. Urban) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-538. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (M. Renkewitz) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-539. A petition from the estate of a citizen of Burgstadt, Germany (Potschke) relative to a demand for damages for wrongful death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-540. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the Common-

wealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11-65

Whereas the United States Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, chaired by senator Frank H. Murkowski has approved a substitute amendment to Senate Bill 1275 which would provide for the full extension of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI") contingent upon certain findings by the US Attorney General; and

Whereas, the CNMI has been working diligently and in good faith to make progress in resolving the immigration and labor issues Senator Murkowski addressed at the March 31, 1998 hearing on Senate Bill 1275 in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the CNMI has offered to work together with the appropriate federal agencies to address the issues of mutual concern between the United States and the CNMI without the need for the US Congress to enact the proposed legislation which would amend the Covenant; and

Whereas, the CNMI was not provided the opportunity to address the Committee regarding the amendment to Senate Bill 1275; and

Whereas, the proposed enactment of Senate Bill 1275 as amended would circumvent the Covenant's 902 negotiation process; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, Eleventh Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. That the House; requests the United States Congress to consider the position of the CNMI and to reject Senate Bill 1275 as amended and to require the Commonwealth and Federal Government to consult and negotiate with each other on immigration and labor issues; and be it further

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House shall certify and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this resolution and thereafter transmit copies to the Honorable Albert Gore, Jr., Vice President of the United States and President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore; the Honorable Trent Lott, Majority Leader, the Honorable Don Nickles, Assistant Majority Leader; the Honorable Larry Craig, Chairman, Republican Policy Committee; the Honorable Connie Mack, Chairman, Republican Conference; the Honorable Thomas A. Daschle, Minority Leader; the Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Chairman, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee; the Honorable Ted Stevens, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee; the Honorable Strom Thurmond, Chairman, Senate Armed Service Committee; the Honorable Alfonse M. D'Amato, Chairman, Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee; the Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chairman, Senate Budget Committee; the Honorable John McCain, Chairman, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Honorable John H. Chafee, Chairman, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee; the Honorable William V. Roth, Jr., Chairman, Senate Finance Committee and the Joint Committee on Taxation; the Honorable Jesse Helms, Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee; the Honorable Fred Thompson, Chairman, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee; the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell, Chairman, Senate Indian Affairs Committee; the Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee; the Honorable Jim M. Jeffords, Chairman, Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee; the Honorable John W. Warner, Chairman, Senate Rules and Administration Committee; the Honorable Christopher "Kit" S.

Bond, Chairman, Senate Small Business Committee; the Honorable Arlen Specter, Chairman, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee; the Honorable Robert C. Smith, Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Ethics; the Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Chairman, Senate Committee on Intelligence; the Honorable Charles E. Grassley, Chairman, Senate Special Committee on the Aging; the Honorable John W. Warner, Chairman, Joint Committee on Printing; the Chairman and members of the United States Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Honorable Frank H. Murkowski, the Honorable Craig Thomas, the Honorable Jon L. Kyl, the Honorable Rod Grams, the Honorable Gordon Smith, the Honorable Slade Gorton, the Honorable Conrad Burns, the Honorable Dale Bumpers, the Honorable Wendell H. Ford, the Honorable Jeff Bingaman, the Honorable Daniel K. Akaka, the Honorable Byron L. Dorgan, the Honorable Bob Graham, the Honorable Ron Wyden, the Honorable Tim Johnson, the Honorable Mary Landrieu; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Honorable Richard Armitage, US House Majority Leader; the Honorable Tom Delay, US House Majority Whip; the Honorable Dan Burton, Chairman, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee; the Honorable Don Young, Chairman, House Resources Committee; the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; the Honorable Jesus R. Sablan, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and to the Honorable Juan N. Babauta, Washington Representative of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on June 19, 1998.

POM-541. A resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 176

Whereas, In a country such as ours, blessed with constitutionally protected religious freedom, there is an unfortunate tendency to overlook the restrictions of religious liberty placed upon people of faith worldwide; and

Whereas, Disturbing incidents of anti-Semitic violence and oppression, including neo-Nazi slogans and practices in Europe and the former Soviet republics, are rekindling memories of the Holocaust; and

Whereas, It is reported that 200 million Christians worldwide are being harassed, fined, tortured, imprisoned, or otherwise persecuted for their faith, and that an additional 400 million live under severe restrictions on religious liberty; and

Whereas, The recent Chinese and American summit has reminded the world of a persecution of the Tibetan Buddhist believers; and

Whereas, The suffering or death of any human, of any or no religious faith, is wrong before God; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize the President and the United States Congress to exercise a stance of uncompromising opposition to religious persecution around the world; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives, June 16, 1998.